Misappropriation of Reward Money by Customs Officials

2299. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been cases of misappropriation of reward money by high customs officials in the country;

(b) if so, what is the total amount allegedly misappropriated since January, 1992; and

(c) what action has been taken or is proposed to be taken against the officials involved ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) to (c) : The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Staff Strength in Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal

2300. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state the sanctioned strength, working strength and vacancies in the Customs, Excise & Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : The position as on 3-12-92 is given below :—

Sl. No.	Name of post	Sanctioned strength	Working strength	Vacant
1	2	3	4	5
1.	President	1	1	—
2.	Sr. Vice-President	1	—	1
3.	Vice-President	2	1	1
4.	Members	18	14	4
5.	Registrar	1	1	—
6.	Deputy Registrar	2	2	—
7.	Asstt. Registrar	9+3*	7	5
8.	Technical Officer	4	2	2
9.	Private Secretary	22	7	15
10.	Accounts Officer	1	1	—
11.	SAS Accountant	1	1	—
12.	Court Master	5+3*	3	5
13.	Head Clerk	10+3*	8	5
14.	Sr. Librarian	1	1	—
15.	Jr. Librarian	4	3	1
16.	Care Taker	1	1	—
17.	Hindi Translator	1	1	—
18.	Stenographer Gr. II(PA)	25	18	7
19.	Stenographer Gr. 'D'	3	3	—
20.	U. D. C.	20+6*	22	4
21.	L. D. C.	20+6*	24	2
22	Hindi Typist	1	1	—
23.	Driver	7	7	—
24.	Daftary	8+3*	8	3
25.	Jamadar	10	10	—
26.	Peon	23+6*	23	6
27.	Chowkidar	6	6	—
28.	Safaiwala	5	5	—
	Total	212+30*	181	61

*Posts sanctioned temporarily for a period of 2 Years upto 24-4-93.